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Second Semester

Mathematics

ALGEBRA — II

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Let V is an algebra with unit element over F . Then which of the following is true

- (a) V is isomorphic to $A(V)$
- (b) V is isomorphic to a sub algebra of $A(V)$
- (c) $V = A(V)$
- (d) None of these

2. Let 1, 2, 3 are the characteristic roots of $T \in A(V)$. Then the characteristic roots of $T^2 + 2T + 3I$ is

- (a) 1, 2, 3
- (b) 6, 11, 18
- (c) 3, 8, 15
- (d) None of these

3. Let $T \in A(V)$ be nilpotent. Then $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 T + \dots + \alpha_m T^m$ is invertible if

- (a) $\alpha_0 = 0$
- (b) $\alpha_0 \neq 0$
- (c) $\alpha_0 = 1$
- (d) α_0 can be any value but $\alpha_m = 1$

4. Let T be the identity linear transformation on a finite dimensional vector space V of dimension n . Then the number of non zero entries

- (a) n
- (b) n^2
- (c) $n^2 - n$
- (d) $n^2 + n$

5. Let $T \in A(V)$ be unitary. Which of the following could be the characteristic root of T

- (a) $1 + i\sqrt{3}$
- (b) $\frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (d) $\frac{i}{2}$

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6. Let Q be a real orthogonal matrix. Then determinant of Q is

- (a) 1 (b) -1
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) Zero

7. What is the degree of $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{5}$ over $\mathbb{Q}$?

- (a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 5 (d) 6

8. Let F be the fields of rational numbers and let $f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + 1 \in F(x)$. If E is the splitting field of $f(x)$ then $[E : F]$ is

- (a) 2 (b) 4
(c) 4! (d) None of these

9. Let F be a field with 121 elements. Then the number of non zero roots of $x^{121} - x \in F[x]$ in F is

- (a) 11 (b) 121
(c) 120 (d) None of these

10. Let F be a field of order p^n . Then the number of automorphisms on F is

- (a) p (b) n
(c) p^n (d) $\phi(n)$

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Let A be an algebra, with unit element over F , and suppose that A is of dimension m over F . Then prove that every element in A satisfies some nontrivial polynomial in $F[x]$ of degree at most m .

Or

- (b) If V is finite dimensional over F , then prove that $T \in A(V)$ is singular if and only if there exists a $v \neq 0$ in V such that $vT = 0$.

12. (a) Let V be a subspace spanned by $v, vT, vT^2, \dots, vT^{n_1-1}$. If $u \in V$ is such that $uT^{n_1-k} = 0$ where $0 < k \leq n_1$ then prove that $u = u_0 T^k$ for some $u_0 \in V$.

Or

- (b) If $v = v_1 \oplus v_2 \oplus \dots \oplus v_k$ where each subspace v_i is of dimension n_i and is invariant under T , an elements of $A(V)$ then prove that a basis of V can be found so that the matrix of T in this basis is of the form $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & A_k \end{pmatrix}$ where each A_i is an $n_i \times n_i$ matrix and is the matrix of the linear transformation induced by T and v_i .

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13. (a) Prove that the normal transformation N is Hermitian if and only if its characteristic roots are real.

Or

- (b) If N is normal and $AN = NA$ then prove that $AN^* = N^*A$.
14. (a) If a, b in K are algebraic over F then prove that $a \pm b$, ab and $\frac{a}{b}$ (if $b \neq 0$) are all algebraic over F .

Or

- (b) If a is algebraic over F then prove that two minimal, monic polynomials for a over F are equal.
15. (a) If $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$ prove that $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$ and $(\alpha f(x))' = \alpha f'(x)$.

Or

- (b) Find primitive roots of 17.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Prove that $S \in A(V)$ is regular if and only if whenever $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ are linearly independent then $v_1S, v_2S, \dots, v_nS$ are also linearly independent.

Or

- (b) If V is two dimensional over a field F prove that every elements in $A(V)$ satisfied a polynomial of degree 2 over F .
17. (a) Let $T \in A(V)$ be nil potent. Prove that there exists subspaces U and W of V , invariant under T , such that $V = U \oplus W$.

Or

- (b) Prove that two nil potent linear transformation are similar if and only if they have same invariants.
18. (a) If F is a field of characteristic 0 and if $T \in A_F(V)$ is such that $T^i = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ then prove that T is nilpotent.

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(b) (i) If $A, B \in F_n$ then prove that $t_r(AB) = t_r(BA)$. Also prove that if A is invertible then $t_r(A \subset A^{-1}) = t_r C$.

(ii) If $T \in A(V)$ then prove that $t_r T$ is the sum of the characteristic roots of T .

19. (a) Prove that the elements $\alpha \in k$ is algebraic over F of degree n then prove that $[F(\alpha) : F] = n$.

Or

(b) If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n over a field F then prove that $f(x)$ have at most n roots in any extension field. Also prove that there is an extension E of F of degree at most $n!$ in which $f(x)$ has n roots.

20. (a) Let F be a finite field with q elements and suppose that $F \subset K$ where K is also a finite field. Then prove that K has q^n elements where $n = [K : F]$ and hence deduce that any finite field has p^m elements where the prime number p is the characteristic of that field.

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(b) Prove that for every prime number p and every positive integer m there is a unique field having p^m elements.

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